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


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 by [daniel j lavender](#) » Sat Jul 29, 2023 3:49 am

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


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 by [daniel j lavender](#) » Sat Jul 29, 2023 4:22 am

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


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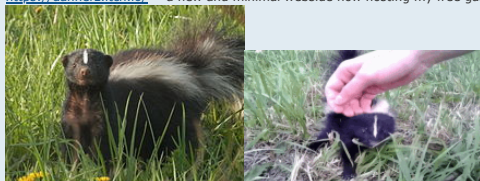


Re: Creation Makes Creator

 by [Dan~](#) » Sat Jul 29, 2023 11:03 am

On the transcendental level of reality, things like creation, first cause, eternity, etc. Are a lower level of reality.

I like <http://www accuradio.com> , internet radio.
<https://dannerz.itch.io/> -- a new and minimal website now hosting my free game projects.



Truth is based in sensing, in vision. And we can only see when we are alive.

[QUOTE](#)



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Consciousness Seeker

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by **MagsJ** » Mon Jul 31, 2023 4:39 pm

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That is not what I was inferring, though.. how on Earth did you get that^ from what I said? I asked a very simple and specific question, is all - I think that you conflated **my** question, with your mind. 🤔

I will await the op's response to my inquiry, before I contribute further..

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by **Arcturus Descending** » Mon Jul 31, 2023 6:12 pm

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Meno_
The Invisible One

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Re: Creation Makes Creator

by Meno_ » Mon Jul 31, 2023 6:25 pm

This creation-creator parallel in the beginning was spoken in an analogic language, then the dialogue



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Philosopher

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Joined: Thu Dec 03, 2020 9:08 pm

Re: Creation Makes Creator

by Lorikeet » Tue Aug 01, 2023 2:18 am

Funny, when men speak of creating it is about using preexisting elements.....not non-existence.

There was no creation because there was no non-existence.

To every man upon this earth
Death cometh soon or late.
And how can man die better
Than facing fearful odds,
For the ashes of his fathers,
And the temples of his gods

~Thomas Babington Macaulay, Lays of Ancient Rome



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Correct.

Existence always is. Things are created from other things.

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So, what WOULD you call God before God actually created something?

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There are various ways to approach this.

When one refers to something one often refers to the fullness of that thing. One often refers to all of that particular thing.

When one refers to God one refers to the fullness of God. The full extent of God including the associated act of creation. Whether the act occurred or will occur the act is included as one is referring to the fullness of God.

God would be creator, regardless before or after, as the fullness of God is being acknowledged.

Alternative approach dealing with time and sequencing:

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That's all that is. That's all any thing is.

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Would there be a before deity created? Did deity create just once? Considering deity is eternal could deity not create numerous times? Indefinitely?

Think about the statement “before God”. Would there be before God? Would there be before being? Isn't God eternal? Timeless?

Referring to Biblical passage, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). “In the beginning” refers to the heaven relative to the earth. The beginning of the heaven and the earth, that particular creation, not the beginning of existence. In other words there could be other creations, indefinitely.

One could also view it this way. Existence transcends time. Deity transcends time. Time, as we know it, is a contrivance. A tool, a measurement for our purposes relevant on our level of interaction. As stated existence transcends time, existence is beyond time. There would be no “before” in the sense of deity creating. There would be no sequence of events, no order of time as we perceive it.

Time, as we know it, is calculated by the rotation of earth and the orbit of earth around the sun. Alter the system, rearrange that arrangement and that structure of time vanishes, it is destroyed. In other words time is flimsy, time is a contrivance.

Deity transcends time. As deity creates deity creates. It is beyond framework of time. It is beyond structured sequence and measurement. It just is. Time and other frameworks come into play as they concern our particular level of interaction.

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We are creators. Our creativity, our consciousness as humans is a [reflection of the creativity and consciousness of deity](#).

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Yes, there could be but I do not think that science has found them yet.

What do you mean by “indefinitely”? “Ad continuum”...

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Nope.. that's definitely not the word I would have [preferred to] use(d), but you might have.. 😊

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I reflect on many and much, things.. currently stilling the mind, to 'think and do' with laser-like precision.. so conflation, be damned. 😊

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Creator/creation, an ouroboros of perpetuality.. a Oneness.

..but don't quote me on that.. coz I wasn't there at the time. 🙄

I like the fact that, at times, my mind can wander to that thought and get lost in it/lost in the parambulations of the thought-processes of its ultimate premise.

Last edited by **MagsJ** on Tue Aug 01, 2023 7:59 pm, edited 1 time in total.

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Note in the Philippians passage Jesus does *not* deny equality with God.

Equality is not denied, rather it is viewed as something not to be taken advantage of.

Equality is acknowledged as humility is acknowledged.

Likewise with the following passage. Examine the context:

"Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that *God was his Father, making himself equal with God.*" (John 5:18)

(Further context: "19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. 20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. 21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.")

In context Jesus *does* acknowledge God's ability. However Jesus does *not* explicitly deny equality with God. It is accepted with humility. Additional similarities between God and Jesus are expressed, reinforcing the idea of equality.

In the above passage, John 5:18, God is acknowledged as the Father. Equality is acknowledged with Jesus, the child of God. Is God not the Father of all? So would that trait not be implied of all children? It is not a claim of arrogance. It is a declaration of respect, of connection and honor. As it is suggested, in our relations we should exercise humility. Especially in relation with God.

Equality with God as children of God is further suggested with Adam and Eve in the book of Genesis: "And the Lord God said, Behold, the *man is become as one of us*, to know good and evil" (Genesis 3:22). That is a direct declaration from God.

Apostles, scripture, God commands the same mind as Christ. The mind of equality, the mind of clarity and the mind of humility. The same humility is expected of us just as the same equality is bestowed upon us. We are consciousness. We are creators. We are reflections of Deity.

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Re: Creation Makes Creator

by glib » Wed Aug 02, 2023 12:40 am

QUOTE

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Well, now you're reversing the order of events, which makes even less sense. Like the shit I created, one's creations do not create one's self.

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I suppose you could say a creation makes one *into* a creator, but not that a creation brings the creator into existence. I also take issue with your assertion that creator and creation together *exceed* either one on their own. Exceed in what sense? In the sheer number of things in existence? Sure. But in moral superiority? In simplicity? In proof of either's existence? There are a number of ways in which the two together do *not* exceed either on their own.

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Well, this point makes sense, and I suspect is what you are driving at. Yes, existence would have to be before there even is a creator, and therefore if we're saying creation just *is* existence (*all* of existence), then it makes no sense to say the creator comes before the creation. This is the infamous infinite regress of creator and creation. If what you're trying to explain is existence itself, it seems you are caught in a catch-22 of asserting a creator (or creation event) that depends on creation already being there just in order for it to be.

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One could also view it this way. Existence transcends time. Deity transcends time. Time, as we know it, is a contrivance. A tool, a measurement for our purposes relevant on our level of interaction. As stated existence transcends time, existence is beyond time. There would be no "before" in the sense of deity creating. There would be no sequence of events, no order of time as we perceive it.

But we should note that in this context, even "creation" takes on a whole other meaning. "Creation", the word, implies time--it implies that something is *brought into* existence--a before when it didn't exist and an after when it did--but that doesn't mean we can't infer an equivalent in the timeless context. In the timeless context, creation becomes dependence--that is, "creation" depends on the "creator" for its existence. The creator doesn't go through a process by which the creation is brought into being, but rather the roots of the creation's existence can be traced back to the creator--like the foundations of a building can be traced back to the initial concrete that was poured in order to erect the building--both coexisting at the same time ("timeless" in a sense)--but definitely an order by which the building and the foundation are related by dependence (the building depending on the foundation). So while there is no "before" and "after" in a timeless context, there can still be an order of dependencies, a relation between that which must exist in order for something else to exist and that something else.

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by **daniel j lavender** » Wed Aug 02, 2023 6:51 am

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How significant are you?

You've created. You are a creator. That significance was bestowed by your creation.

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You are. Your creation is. Both you and your creation are. In that sense equally significant.

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Entity is already there. Like a student. The entity becomes creator like a student becomes professor.

Creation makes entity a creator. Creation does not bring entity into existence.

In other words things do not suddenly appear from nothing or from nonexistence. Things develop, things arise from other things, things are created from other things.

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Extent, capacity, power.

However that's not actually what was stated.

I stated “*existence* as a whole would encompass, would exceed God or would encompass and exceed a creator”.

Existence is not just creator and creation. Existence is destroyer and destruction as well. Existence is every and all.

Existence *does* exceed creator. Existence *does* exceed creation. Indeed, existence exceeds *both* creator *and* creation.

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All existence is all existence. Creation is only part of existence, the universe is only part of existence.

Hence use of the term “existence” and not “universe”.

Note I am not claiming adherence to nor rejection of Biblical principles. This is merely discussion.

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Re: Creation Makes Creator

by Lorikeet » Wed Aug 02, 2023 10:03 am

The creation is the creator's knowledge and understanding projected outward....
Like art is the artist's representation of reality, or his reaction to reality.

Technologies are the mind's externalization of its knowledge and understanding of how his own body/mind works - represented using a different medium.
Like memes extend genes, so too art and technology, all human creations are extensions of man's knowledge and understanding of himself and the world, and how he relates the two.

Abraham's one-god is exactly that: a representation of man's abstraction of himself as an ideal - an idealization of his self-awareness.
He orients this absolute one as the mind, projected as an incorporeal otherness. From this mind/body relationship - as absolute immortal good, to a divided multiplicity of corporeal mortal evil - we reach current Transsexualism. Paradise would be the noetic re-turn to a universal mind.
In Judaism this representation of if the collective Jewry, idealized as the 'chosen', or the ones they choose to worship above all others - spiritual elitism.
Christianity and Islam universalize this collective - like Marxism - setting up the dichotomy of those who willingly belong to the collective - the good - and those who refuse to accept their belonging - the evil.

God is a creation of man, inverted, i.e., nihilism.
Man creates a creator creating him, essentially he wants to engineer himself into the ideal represented by god of the Scriptures: omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, absolute good, i.e., all-inclusive.
Messianic.

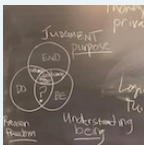
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Re: Creation Makes Creator

by Ichthus77 » Wed Aug 02, 2023 1:14 pm

QUOTE



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genes are meme carriers

just saying

If you make a "machine" that can accurately tell you the entire timeline from beginning to end, you have "made" a "machine" who can lie to you. And how, pray tell, are you going to check their work... output... product?

"The mind of a person plans his way,
But the LORD directs his steps."
- Proverbs 16:9

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by **Lorikeet** » Wed Aug 02, 2023 8:12 pm

Declarations as "arguments"



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